GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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HARASSMENT TO SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Scheduled Castes students of IITs, IIMs, IISc, Bangalore and AIIMS, New Delhi are being harassed in their respective institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the particulars and nature of alleged atrocities being committed at these institutes;

(c) whether any representations have been received by the Government requesting for intervention; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to set right the injustice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) No case of harassment by any of the Scheduled Castes students of IIMs has been reported to the Government.

IISc, Bangalore has not reported any case of harassment of such students.

A Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor S.D. Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission, was set up on 12th September, 2006 to look into the complaints on the alleged harassment to SC/ST students in AIIMS.

One complaint relating to a PhD student of IIT, Delhi has been reported to the Government which, on preliminary inquiry, has been found baseless.